

Minutes of the Meeting of Upton with Fishley Parish Council held on Thursday, 10th April 2014 in the Village Hall

Present:

Mr Crane	Mr Armes	Mr Leonard-Morgan
Mrs Pitchers	Mrs Durrant	Mr Brown

There were three members of the public present. Matters raised included the potential request to allow camping on the playing field for the forthcoming beer festival. A petition was handed to the Parish Council from local residents who objected to the proposal.

Apologies:

Mrs Whelpton
PCSO Paul McAllister
Broadland District Councillor Sue Lawn

Declarations of Interests in Items on the Agenda and Requests for Dispensations:

Debbie Durrant informed the meeting that she had been allocated a mooring at the boat dyke and would therefore have a disclosable pecuniary interest in financial matters connected with the moorings.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 13th March 2014 were agreed to be correct, and were signed by Nicholas Crane, as Chairman of the Parish Council.

Matters Arising:

1. A letter of thanks was received for the conversion of the loan of £565 to a grant towards the cost of the equipment for a local First Responder.
2. Acle Scouts sent their thanks for the donation of £50.
3. The clerk has ordered the new noticeboard; delivery is expected at the end of May.
4. Antony Millward started collecting litter around the village and collected twelve bags of litter in just a few days. The councillors sent their thanks to Antony.
5. Norfolk County Council asked the resident at Southend not to park on their verge.
6. Broadland District Council replied that they had decided not to take action about the dilapidated boats in the front garden of a property in Chapel Road.

Correspondence:

1. Acle and District Good Neighbour Scheme was pleased to include the Upton meals on wheels service within the group. The clerk has applied to Broadland District Council for a grant towards the start-up costs, including for the containers for the meals on wheels service.

2. Upton Village Hall Group sent notice of their WW1 Commemoration Event on 26th July. They requested a grant towards the cost of the purchase of raffle prizes for the event. It was agreed to give a donation of £100.
3. Notice was received of the forthcoming European Parliamentary Election on 22nd May.
4. Broadland District Council sent notice that the bins for the boat waste would be delivered shortly. Waste from boats is now classified as commercial waste which means that BDC no longer had a responsibility to provide a collection service for this waste. They are discussing the sharing of the costs with the Broads Authority and with Norfolk County Council.
5. The clerk reported on a map showing the proposed Winter works for Broadland Environmental Services Ltd, on behalf of the Broadland Flood Alleviation Project; the map shows the proposed removal of the piling on the right hand side of the dyke. The councillors expressed their concern that the bank was fragile on the right hand side and that it was inappropriate to remove the piling. They also suggested that the re-piling shown for the River Bure halfway to Acle Bridge needed to be extended.
6. There was a report from a resident that a farmer has not adequately marked the footpath from Acle. The clerk will contact the farmer at Billockby.
7. A resident had asked who owned the pond in Boat Dyke Road, known as Blakes Pit. The councillors felt that the ownership was unknown but that it was likely that it was used to collect water draining off the road.

Treasurer's Report:

	£
Balance b/f at 13th March 2014	16,486.89
Receipts:	
Mooring fees	12,600.90
Reimb. stationery	61.39
Grazing fee	88.34
Donation towards WW2 memorial	200.00
Tsfs – interest	67.55
Cheques for payment:	
Tsf to savings accounts	21,806.00
VAT dd	4,332.78
Environment Agency drainage charge dd	26.30
Anglian Water – old playing field dd	14.21
Pauline James – clerk's fee and exps	334.11
HMRC – PAYE	74.60
Norfolk Pension	100.85
Acle PC – share of exps	60.39
J Barber – cleaning bus shelter	26.00
Getmapping – annual licence	33.60
Abbey Memorials – WW2 memorial	510.00

Nfk ALC – subs	147.36
Antony Millward – litter picking	67.83
G Taylor – work at staithe, pond and village hall	170.50
Justin Nudd – work at playing field	60.00
Garden Guardian – grasscutting	857.56
Upton Village Hall – donation	<u>100.00</u>
Balance c/f at 10th April 2014	782.98
Savings Account	11,141.09
Savings Account	0.29
Active Saver	29,551.00
Repairs and Renewals Accounts	<u>47,580.00</u>
Total monies	<u>£89,055.36</u>

It was noted that this total included the estimated profit share on the moorings that will be payable to the Environment Agency.

The above cheques were agreed for payment.

Planning Matters – Decisions by Broadland District Council:

1. **Mr & Mrs Frost, 33 Church Road** – two storey side extension – full approval.
2. **Ms Tulk, Cherry Tree Cottage, Marsh Road** – extension and conversion of outbuilding to form annex accommodation – full approval with the extension being incidental to use of the main dwelling and shall not be occupied as a separate or unassociated unit of accommodation.

Village Hall and Playing Field:

1. There had not been a formal request from The White Horse to allow camping on the playing field so the councillors did not consider the matter any further. Ginny Pitchers reported that the Village Hall committee had also expressed concerns.
2. It was noted that the youth football team will continue to use the field for practice after the season ends in May.
3. Ginny had spoken to George Taylor about fixing a barrier to allow a path through the hedge from the car park onto the playing field. A post and wire fence will also be erected through the existing hedge to prevent people walking through it.

Boat Dyke and Staithe:

It is reported that a member of the Environment Agency is to carry out a site visit at the dyke during April before continuing with the lease negotiations.

Churchyard:

1. The revised WW2 memorial was installed. A resident sent a donation of £200 towards the cost and reported that the family of one of the newly added names is very pleased. The vicar asked to meet with the councillors to find out why it was installed without a faculty. Nicholas Crane and Ginny Pitchers offered to attend this meeting.

2. BDC said that they had no jurisdiction over works in a closed churchyard so the clerk sent an Informal Enquiry to the Diocesan Board to request advice about the front wall.
3. The Church Architect had informed the Council that no faculty was required for repairs to the table tombs as the work was less than the de minimis amount of £3,000. However, the secretary of the Diocesan Advisory Committee had confirmed that this de minimis figure applies only to church fabric and electrical maintenance and does not include works in a churchyard. The clerk will complete a faculty application for the repairs to the table tombs.

Any Other Business:

1. A new bench has been installed at the cemetery, by the Jeremiah family. It was suggested that a better base is needed for the bench, but it was agreed to monitor the situation.
2. Some weedkilling will be done at the cemetery and churchyard.
3. The willow at the back of the pond will be re-staked as it is leaning badly.
4. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 8th May 2014, following the Annual Parish Meeting which starts at 7.30.
5. The Chairman's Report for the Annual Parish Meeting will be published in The Mardler.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated: 8th May 2014.